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CITY IN BRIEF.

Miss Emily Bingham will give a reading Friday evening at Plymouth Church.

A twenty cent fire called the department to 130 Lake street yesterday afternoon.

Marion Lodge, No. 601, K. of H., will give a free entertainment at Geisendanner's Hall to-morrow evening.

The annual prize declamations of the Classical School will be given at Dickson's Opera House the evening of May 2.

John Colbert, a brother of Captain Colbert, of the Mets, has taken the merchant's seat on Virginia avenue, deserted by Andrew Wood.

John Morris, a Springfield, O., detective, arrived in the city last night on the hunt of a child said to have been kidnapped at Liberty, this State. When he arrived in this city he received a telegram stating that the child and kidnapping party had taken another direction.

Sheriff Carter was at Michigan City a few days ago, and while there met the five men from this county who are serving a life sentence. They are Monroe, Koerner, Greenlee, Wede and a German who killed a woman on South Delaware street. All of them are quiet and apparently contented, and all hope some day to be pardoned.

A VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

An Innocent Indiana Legislator and Editor Compelled to Spend the Night in Prison for an Imaginary Assault.

[Columbus (O.) Dispatch.]

One of the cells at the City Prison had a distinguished occupant last night in the person of E. H. Staley, editor of the Frankfort, Indiana, Crescent and the Representative of Clinton County in the Indiana Legislature. Mr. Staley was a visitor to the city yesterday, and during the day spent some time upon the floor of the House, where he occupied a seat upon invitation of one of the members. In the evening, about 8 o'clock, Mr. Staley was walking north on Third street, near Broad, rather rapidly, as two colored girls were walking on the same pavement in the

opposite direction. As he was about to pass the girls, noticing that his elbow would probably strike one of them, he gave his arm a sudden jerk to avoid a collision, and accidentally struck one of the girls, Jennie Mosby, a step-daughter of Julius Hunter.

The girl evidently thought that an attempt had been made to assault her, and so reported to Hunter, who happened to be near at hand. Her demonstrations soon attracted a crowd composed principally of colored persons, who, with Hunter in the lead, started in pursuit of the alleged assailant. In a few moments, it is said, more than a hundred people, Mr. Staley, seeing the crowd, and hearing threats of violence, became alarmed and started to run, with the crowd following. About this time Police Sergeant Evans appeared upon the scene, and Staley demanded protection. Dr. Evans accordingly started with him to the city prison, where he was locked up and remained until this morning.

By accident, Mr. Benjamin L. Smith, an attorney from Frankfort, Ind., came to the city last evening to take depositions in the office of Outhwaite & Linn. Reading in a morning paper that one E. H. Staley had been arrested and was in the city prison, Mr. Smith immediately recognized the name of an old friend and college mate at De Pauw University, and went to police headquarters in company with Attorney James A. Miles. Staley was released from imprisonment, and held an interview with the Mayor and Hunter, the colored man, who had appeared to have come to the city during the day. The girl had been insulted, and he expressed his indignation with considerable warmth. Staley tried to explain matters, but Hunter could not be appeased, and after some time had been spent in talking the matter over with the Mayor, his Honor proceeded to the court room to dispose of other cases demanding his attention.

After the regular police business had been disposed of, Hunter stepped up before the Mayor and expressed his unwillingness to let the matter drop. He was remonstrated with by Mr. Miles and Mr. Outhwaite, who had come in during the day, but they made little progress in trying to assure him of Staley's innocence. Finally, Mayor Walcott said he would dismiss the case, as he could see nothing in it, and ordered Sergeant Acker to declare the court adjourned. Mr. Staley is a fine looking gentleman, perhaps fifty years of age, and a member of the Methodist Church. He was Chairman of the Committee on Benevolent Institutions of the Indiana Legislature. He left the city this morning. It is stated that bail was refused by the night turnkey.

AMUSEMENTS.

Manager Will E. English is expected home by the 1st.

English's Opera House will close this season about May 10.

Boncicault is at work on three new plays, in all of which he builds hope on his children.

It is reported that Miss Ada Cavendish is so ill that it is doubtful she will ever be seen on the stage again.

Lotta has her entire route laid out for next season. She will appear in the same pieces that she has appeared in lately.

Manager George A. Dickson goes to Cincinnati to-day to look after his interests in the coming production of "The Nalad Queen."

Billy Garber will be the official "bouncer" at the new Zoo Theater. Billy makes a good officer, and is much liked by our citizens.

There is, in the chorus of the Carleton Opera Company, a young lady who is related to one of the first families of England. Her name is Gracie Mandeville.

B. N. are the initials of the Mr. Hibben that gave a recitation at the Elks' social last Sunday night. He was confounded with a Mr. H. E. Hibben by mistake.

Buffalo Bill and his great "Wild West" show will be here Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, giving exhibitions at the State Fair Grounds. Excursions will be run on all the railroads.

The Elks will give another social one week from last night. It is intended to make it just as great a success as the one held a week ago. Those desiring to attend should procure invitations from members of the lodge, as no one will be admitted without one.

Tonight and throughout the remainder of the week at English's Opera House the attraction will be Henderson's Colored Minstrels, playing at cheap prices. The company comes well recommended. There will be matinees every afternoon after to-day.

Commencing this evening and continuing for three nights and Wednesday matinee, the attraction at the Grand Opera House will be the famous Carleton English Opera Company. To-night Offenbach's latest and best opera, "The Drum Major's Daughter," will be given; Tuesday evening, "The Merry War," Wednesday evening, "The Diavolo," and Wednesday matinee, "The Mascotte." The company includes in principals, besides Miss Guthrie, May Fielding, Clara Wisdom, Josephine Bartlett, H. L. Rattenberry, Harry Gustave Adolph, W. H. Clark, Frank Dand and eminent baritone, W. T. Carleton. The chorus is large and well drilled, and is composed of fresh young voices.

The Dime Museum opens the week this afternoon with another very strong show. The principal features will be the human unicorn, Tach, discovered in Africa a few months ago by Carl Hagenbach. This man is a common negro with a horn growing out of his head. Then there is the modern Ma-thuseleh, John Long, 145 years old. He is the ethnological wonder of the world. There is also the famous Kennedy Skatton Club of ten star artists from Philadelphia, who will be seen in the screaming farcical comedy, "The Debutante," and the Lesander Quartet, Baker and Clark, musical team, and Wallace King, the popular colored tenor, re-arranged for another week; also Thuma, the mystery and Professor De Lille, exposé of Spiritualism, and a host of others.

Gilmore's new iron Zoo Theater opens May 4 with Silbion & Elliott's "Cupid" combination. One week. Prices for this entertainment will be 15c, 25c and 35c. After the close of this engagement they will be lowered to 10c, 15c and 25c, and remain to till further notice. The theater, when completed, will be one of the best arranged variety theaters in the country. The stage is 35x30 feet; eight dressing rooms; four boxes. One thousand three hundred and fifty seats can be comfortably seated. The ventilation, light and acoustic features of the auditorium will be all that can be desired. The elevated gardens can comfortably accommodate 2,700 people. A double orchestra under the leadership of Professor Kickenhoeffer will play on the balcony, before the stage performances, and in the garden after. During the performances one-half of it will furnish the stage music under Kickenhoeffer. Two performances will be given nightly, each one lasting some seventy-five minutes. Matinees Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The theater will be open all the year round, and it is Manager Gilmore's firm resolve to run it in a strictly first-class and respectable manner.

INDIANA'S WAR CLAIM.

Status of the State's Claim Against the Government for Interest and Discount on the War Bonds.

The discussion in the Legislature on the question of disallowing fees to the Attorney General on the war claim of the State against the Government, and the passage of a bill to that effect, has led to some inquiry on the part of a number of persons who do not understand the question involved, and who have a very imperfect idea of the extent of the claim and the reasons why it is owing. A Sentinel representative called upon Mr. Will Hord, the efficient Deputy Attorney General, last week and received substantially the following account of the matter:

At the outbreaking of the late war, known as the War of the Rebellion, the State Treasury was almost entirely without funds, and to enable the State to properly respond to the call of the President of the United States for troops for the common defense of the United States, and to properly raise, organize, arm, equip, subsidize, quarter, pay and transport the troops, it became necessary to raise money by loan upon the credit of the State; and that, in consequence of this financial emergency, the Legislature, which was approved May 13, 1861, authorizing the Governor to issue bonds, to appoint a Board of Loan Commissioners, and defining their duties; and levying a tax to meet the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds to be sold. The bonds of the State were issued in pursuance of this act to the amount of \$48,000,000, par value, and the same were sold at a discount of \$24,107,101. The State incurred and paid in the sale of the bonds, including printing, brokerage, salaries and expenses of Loan Commissioners, the sum of \$1,857,391. The State has paid on account of interest which has accrued on the bonds up to the last day of May, 1888, the sum of \$262,184.51.

The moneys realized from the sale of the bonds, amounting to \$1,756,892.89, were set apart as a military fund, and the same was paid out for expenses growing out of the War of the Rebellion, and incident thereto, in raising, organizing, arming, equipping, subsidizing, quartering, paying and transporting the troops, and in the service of the United States, and the Government returned to the State the principal sum of \$2,000,000, less the sum of \$48,000,000, par value, and the sum of \$24,107,101, discount.

Thereupon, in 1868, the State made out her claim as follows:

For discount on the bonds sold.....\$24,107.11
Printing, brokerage, expenses of Loan Commissioners, etc.....1,857.39
Interest on bonds until redeemed.....362,184.51

Total.....\$603,979.41

This claim was presented to, and refused or rejected by, the accounting officers of the Treasury Department. Its rejection was based upon a supposed rule of that department that the Government did not pay interest on claims. This was not true as a matter of fact, but, if such rule existed, it did not apply to this case.

It is not true that the Government does not count interest as an element in ascertaining her indebtedness. If she has promised to pay interest, she does it.

On the faith of the act of 1861, the State of Indiana undertook to "equip, subsidize, quarter, pay, arm, equip, pay and transport" her troops employed in aiding to suppress the rebellion; and by the terms of that act the United States agreed to pay to the State "the costs, charges and expenses properly incurred" in doing so. The discount, the expense in negotiating the bonds, and the interest paid upon the loans, were as much a part of the "costs, charges and expenses" as the principal sum. They were not interest on a loan against the United States, but were part of the money expended for the United States, at her request, and the claim of the State to be reimbursed was all a part of the principal due from the United States to the State. Indiana charges no interest on this principal sum, but only asks to have her money repaid to her that she has actually paid out.

A bill was introduced in the last Congress which provided that 6 per cent. interest should be paid to the States upon their bonds until the money was returned by the Government. This bill was reported upon favorably by the Committee on War Claims, and an exhaustive legal argument was submitted in support of the claim.

Indiana feels that she has a just demand, as just as the man who holds the bonds of the Government, and she cannot see how the Government which protects the bonds by the payment of interest in anticipation of the day it is due and keeps her out of her just claim for a number of years. She is justly proud of the credit of the government, but she knows no good reason why she should not be treated as other creditors.

When, in 1867, this claim was rejected by the Hon. John Wilson, Auditor, he used the following language: "When the condition of the country is considered at the time these expenses were made, the heroic efforts of the loyal States to sustain our country in this time of her greatest trial, it is clear, in my opinion, that Congress should authorize the refunding, not only of the interest paid to raise money, but of all expenses, drawbacks, etc., in fact of every dollar paid by any such State, directly or indirectly, in support of this holy cause."

A GENERAL ROW.

Which is Made Deeply Interesting by Feminine Participation.

Isaac and Rachel Barber, living near the corner of Elizabeth and Patterson streets, had a spree yesterday, and in the afternoon they began to fight. Isaac finally struck Rachel over the eye with a piece of furniture, and cut a bad gash. Flora Jones, who lives with the Barbers, pranced up to assist Mrs. Barber, and Patrolman Walker, hearing the racket, went in to see if he could not add one or two special features to the show. The Barbers and Mrs. Jones had an impromptu indignation meeting and resolved that every policeman were not to be admitted without tickets, and they forthwith proceeded to eject the interloper. The racket was a lively one, Barber getting down his rifle, and after that was taken from him, getting the rifle with the intention of giving the policeman the broadest hint of what Mrs. Barber was so filled with admiration of her husband for his chastisement of her a few moments before that she chipped in and took off the officer's coat, hat and badge, and probably would have broken his eye with the rifle, had he not been so well protected. Sergeant Jones came up and another fight ensued. Miss Jones by this time concluding it was time she should put in her ear, she opened the fight with a chair. After some little time spent thus the trio were put under arrest, and taken to the Station-house. Isaac rests under charges of drunkenness, assault and battery, drawing deadly weapons and resisting officers; Rachel will answer to the Mayor for drunkenness and assault and battery, while Flora Jones will account for her profanity and for resisting the police. All the parties are colored. Isaac is a man with a record, he having been arrested some months ago for an attempt to kill a man near the Butchies pond.

Polo at the Meridian.

There are several young gentlemen who aspire to the proud distinction of being the champion polo players of this "concentric" city, and in order to satisfactorily solve the problem the fourteen "whin cracker" elected two of their number to the position of Captain, and the "whin in authority" officials were to choose sides, as in town ball, and arrange for a series of games to be played at the above named track to ally the jealousy which existed between the two teams. It was thought wise and proper to style them Nin and Tuck. The spot to have been appropriately named, as the first game was won by Tuck, and the second, played last evening, by Nin.

The first and fourth goal were Wright cleverly captured. The gentleman who made the second goal was too much fagged to Walker run, but he got there just the same. In the third inning a desperate Desher jumped to the front and placed a pun for Tuck—the only one she was able to pick.

There will be only three sessions at the rink during the present week, as follows: Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Admission, ten cents. Good music.

About Summer Trips.

Summer will soon be here, and we will begin to inquire about where we will spend the hot season. I for one would prefer Northern Michigan, but there are others who would rather go up into Minnesota, others Wisconsin; in fact, every one feels like leaving home for a short tour somewhere. Now, to enable you to do this, we would suggest that you apply to Robert Emmett, District Passenger Agent, Monon Route, No. 26 South Illinois street, Indianapolis, who can supply you with round-trip tourist tickets to all summer resorts in the North, Northwest, and in Michigan. Commencing May 1, these tourist tickets will be put on sale, and you can purchase them via the Monon Route as cheap as by any other line. The coaches and sleeping cars of this line can not be excelled by any road. Please ask all the questions you want to, and they will be carefully answered by Mr. Emmett.

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